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HOUSE RESOLUTION 144
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A RESOLUTION to direct a study relative to the development of
an educational center focused on international
trade.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That the
Department of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Department of
Education and the University of Memphis, is directed to study the feasibility of the development
of an educational center that offers certification programs in trade issues, internships, training,
distance learning, exposure to foreign languages, exposure to financial issues, and a focus on
trade and natural resources and agriculture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study shall address such issues with attention to
the concerns of private export trading organizations, international finance, freight and shipping
issues, international law and property law, and chambers of commerce and port authorities in
urban areas.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study shall address the feasibility of establishing such a center and the availability of alternatives to accomplish the goals of such a center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study shall also consider House Bill 1175/Senate Bill 1452 of the 102nd General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That representatives from the University of Memphis, Tennessee Small Business Development Center and the International Trade Center are urged to coordinate with the above entities to offer their advice and expertise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the departments are also urged to seek opinions from persons from the private sector with expertise in the following backgrounds: private enterprise export trading operation, international banking and finance, freight forwarding and shipping business, international law or intellectual property, the chamber of commerce of a city with a population in excess of one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent census, and a representative of a port authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall report the findings of the study and any recommendations for legislation no later than January 15, 2002, to the House Commerce Committee and the Senate Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the Commissioner of Education, and the President of the University of Memphis.